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## WANTS VITAL RECORDS KEPT

### State Health Board Urges Passage of Sanitary Measures—Ask Funds to Purchase Antitoxin.

Recommendations for decided legislation for improving sanitary conditions were adopted yesterday at the annual meeting of the State Board of Health. Most important of the recommendations was that calling upon the Legislature to enact the Bill for Registration of Vital Statistics. Other recommendations for legislation asked for adoption of a Bill to Secure Purvey of Public Water Supplies, a Bill to provide for Analysis of all Bottled Mineral Waters, and an appropriation of \$5,000 to defray the expense of free distribution of diphtheria antitoxin to all citizens.

An extension of the rules for quarantine was adopted by the Board. The new quarantine rules are merely an amplification of the rules already in effect and provide that the physician diagnosing any case of scarlet fever or diphtheria shall notify the family of his diagnosis. This regulation will ensure the immediate isolation of contagious diseases, it is believed.

Regulations providing for supplying public schools with proper sanitary arrangements before September 1, 1912, were also adopted by the Board. Regulations regarding the protection of mineral springs at summer resorts against pollution, and regulations requiring the screening against flies of kitchens, dining rooms and pantries of hotels, between May 1 and November 15, were passed.

All Members Present. By special invitation of the Board of Health, Dr. Frank L. Watkins of the United States Bureau of the Census, present at yesterday's meeting and invited to present the Bill for the State Board of Health. All the members of the Board of Health will be put forward to pass this bill, which it is believed, will fill a very great want in this State. The Bill provides for the permanent registration of all births and deaths in this State. It requires physicians to furnish birth and death certificates to local justices of the Peace, who will receive the death certificate in order to issue permits for burial. These certificates are all to be forwarded to Richmond for permanent record and statistical use.

When the meeting was called to order yesterday morning at 9 o'clock, all the members of the Board were present. Immediately upon the reading of the annual report of the Health Commissioner, Dr. E. H. Williams, the Board cleared up routine business and proceeded to special recommendations and resolutions. Adjournment came at 2:15 o'clock.

### CHAMBER MEETS TO NIGHT

Commercial Body to Hear Annual Reports and Elect Officers. The annual meeting of the Chamber of Commerce will be held at 8:15 o'clock to-night at the Jefferson Hotel. Reports will be submitted, including the annual report of the president, reviewing the work of the chamber during the past year and making recommendations for further work. Officers and directors for the coming year will be elected. A large attendance of the membership is anticipated. Following the business proceedings, refreshments will be served.

## CARRINGTON WILL SUCCEED WOOD

### Almost Certain He Will Become President of Chamber of Commerce at Meeting To-Night.

Governor Mann, members of both branches of the Legislature and the City Council and Mayor Richardson have been invited to be present to-night at the annual meeting and election of the Chamber of Commerce, which will take place in the auditorium of the Jefferson Hotel.

Addresses will be made by the retiring president, Henry W. Wood; Mayor Richardson and others, while members will be called upon for an expression of views which might tend to the betterment of the operations of the chamber.

In view of his efficient work during the past year looking towards the up-building of Richmond, and his familiarity with local conditions, it is understood that there is no doubt that T. M. Carrington, first vice-president, will be elected to succeed Mr. Wood. It is not expected that there will be any other changes in the personnel of the present officers.

In his annual report it is expected that Mr. Wood will have numerous recommendations to make, with a view of bringing about certain changes which will make the work of the Chamber of Commerce more effective than in the past.

Following the transaction of business a buffet luncheon will be served.

### BRIDGE COMMITTEE CALLED

Matters Affecting Construction on Mayor's Island to Be Discussed. A special meeting of the Council Committee on Electricity has been called for to-morrow night at 7:30 o'clock.

A meeting of the bridge subcommittee of the Committee on Streets, which has charge of the construction of the new Mayo Bridge, has also been called for to-morrow night at 7:30 o'clock. The bridge committee consists of Messrs. Adams, Don Leavy, Pollock, Jones, Lynch, Moore and Ferguson. The City Attorney, City Engineer and Charles W. Meredith, attorney for the Mayo Land and Bridge Company, have been asked to be present, as matters affecting the construction on Mayor's Island will be discussed.

### CATCH FUGITIVE

Joseph Frederick, Twelve Years Old. Arrested in Harrisburg, Pa. According to a telegram received yesterday afternoon, a twelve-year-old boy, Joseph Frederick, who had been arrested in Harrisburg, Pa., after escaping from the Associated Charities, has been arrested in Harrisburg, Pa. Major Vernon was notified by James B. Hutchinson, chief of police in Harrisburg.

Governor Mann Better. Many were the expressions of pleasure and interest around the Capital yesterday when it was announced that the condition of Governor Mann, who had been seriously injured by a fall from a horse, was improving. Mr. Mann was seen yesterday at his office, and was able to receive his usual visitors, at least today.

Under the heavy strain of preparing his message to the Legislature, in addition to attending to the routine duties of his office, Governor Mann suffered a slight attack of indigestion, which was followed by a fall from a horse, and has not been at his office since Monday. While his condition was never reported as alarming, his illness at this time nevertheless caused considerable uneasiness around the Capital.

American National Officers. In the list of directors of the American National Bank, published yesterday, following the report of the annual meeting of the stockholders of that institution, the names of W. J. Parrish, Luther H. Jenkins and T. Garrett Tubb were omitted. Also among the names of the officers of the same bank the name of Henry W. Rountree should appear as vice-president.

Charged With Theft. Manuel Patterson, colored, was arrested yesterday on a charge of stealing \$3 from Mrs. A. McConnell.

## ARGUE URBANNA MATTER FRIDAY

Street Committee to Hear Further From Attorneys in Opposition.

### BUSINESS MEN'S CLUB CALLED

Residents Along Seven Pines Line Making Vehement Fight Against New Road.

Chairman William H. Adams issued yesterday a call for a special meeting of the Council Committee on Streets for Friday night at 8 o'clock to further consider the petition in connection with the sale of the Seven Pines line to the Richmond, Urbanna and Peninsula Railroad Company. Judge T. Ashby Wickham will continue his argument, begun at the last meeting, in opposition to the sale.

A meeting of the membership of the Business Men's Club has been called for 2 o'clock Friday to discuss the same matter. Some weeks ago the directors recommended adoption of a resolution approving the transfer of the line and the erection of a railroad to the Richmond, Urbanna and Peninsula Railroad Company. Since then, it is stated, opposition has developed among the members of the club, and citizens and property owners along the present Seven Pines line are canvassing vigorously against confirmation of the sale, the opposition being represented by five attorneys.

What Is Proposed. In brief, the Virginia Railway and Power Company has given an option of sale on its Seven Pines line, a branch now operated at a loss, to the promoters of the new railroad company, provided the city will consent and will release the purchasers from the ticket and transfer requirements which now apply to the road as a part of the general street car system of Richmond. The promoters of the purchasing company, engaged in building a line to the Pamunkey River in two years, and the Pamunkey River in two years, and the Richmond, Urbanna and Peninsula Railroad Company, in five years, exhibiting a signed contract for construction work as far as the Pamunkey, the contractors, Richberger & Co., to be paid in bonds of the Virginia Railway and Power Company, has given the Street Committee a signed statement that the interests he represents are not backing the new enterprise.

The Chamber of Commerce has given its approval to the sale, holding that it will be to the good of the city. Richmond has a railway line into a revenue producing section now tributary to Baltimore by water, and entirely cut off from rail transportation, though within from thirty to forty miles of Richmond, than it is to have a mere suburban trolley eight or ten miles long, which would give no transfers and offering no labor and school tickets, the purchasers offer to guarantee a better and more frequent schedule than now in operation, and a 5-cent straight fare from Twenty-ninth and P Streets to Seven Pines.

Citizens Make Strong Contest. Citizens along the trolley line contend that under the terms of Richmond's franchise agreement with the predecessors of the present car company they are guaranteed transfers and school and labor tickets until 1918, the end of the franchise, and at present many of them ride from nine to twelve miles for a 25-cent fare, probably the longest one-fare ride in or about the city. Statisticians have presented to show that millions of dollars of produce go from the Rappahannock Valley to Baltimore annually, and that that entire section of the State will welcome a rail connection with Richmond, most of the property owners having promised to donate the right of way in order to secure the new line.

### SUPREME COURT RECORDS

The following cases were argued yesterday in the Supreme Court of Appeals of Virginia: Norfolk Fire Insurance Corporation vs. Wood, who sues, et al.; et al. Argued by Peatross & Savage for appellants, and by Peatross & Savage for appellees, and submitted.

Brown et al. vs. Surry Lumber Company. Argued by George Mason and Charles E. Plummer, for appellants, and by William B. McIlwaine and Davis & Davis, for appellees, and submitted on briefs.

Next cases called: Whitely vs. Book or Brick Company, Jefferson vs. School Board of Amelia county, Hughes vs. Burwell, The Duane Deposit and Discount Bank of Scranton, Pa. vs. Westcott et al.

Erect Brick Office. A building permit was issued yesterday to Davis & Archer to erect a detached one-story brick office on the south side of Hanover, between Davis and Robinson Streets, to cost \$270.

Weather Betrays Work. The snow and intensely cold weather of the past few days have seriously impaired work on the new post-office building at Fourth and Main Streets. Whether the concrete roof, which was only recently put on, will be damaged, will not be known until the wooden forms are removed, and this cannot be done until the structure is cleared of the thick layer of snow.

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## LOVING CUP FOR M. L. HOFHEIMER

Business Men Present Silver Mug to Real Estate "Booster."

### "COL. BILL" MAKES ADDRESS

Ceremony Takes Place at Empire Theatre, the Latest Hofheimer Building.

Business men who realize and put a proper value on the buying and building operations, of Moses Lafayette Hofheimer, gave him a handsome silver loving cup at the Empire Theatre last night, with enough pomp and ceremony to lift the event out of the ordinary class. The Empire—the handsomest playhouse in town—was built by Mr. Hofheimer. He built the Lubin a year or two ago, and now he is building a motion picture theatre just east of the Empire, which has been leased to Jake Wells and his associates, who have the management of the Empire. The new house will take care of the Empire overflow, which was banked for two blocks in the snow last night, while William T. Dabney, business manager of the Chamber of Commerce, in a neat speech, was presenting the cup.

When the business people inspected Mr. Hofheimer's new house of amusement before it was opened, they decided that he was entitled to some substantial recognition. So the cup idea was suggested. It met with a most hearty response. All of his friends wanted to contribute, because they said that he would be building throughout the year, and there was no telling when they would read in the newspapers that he had decided to erect still another theatre on Broad Street.

Notices were sent out a few days ago that the ceremony would take place on the Empire stage last night, just after the close of the first night performance. So the seats, filled up early, and a squad of police was on duty outside, keeping the crowd in line. These crowds, by the way, are there every night, but it was a little larger in anticipation of the speech-making which would be an added feature of the evening. In fact, one not generally found in vaudeville institutions.

Rivon had bowed and waved his hands as he closed his act, and his lights flashed on a party of well-groomed business men who sat in one of the boxes. No formal announcement had been made to that part of the audience which was not advised of the surprise, and during the brief wait a group of people walked out, thinking the show was over. But the procession halted quickly when Mr. Dabney, Mr. Hofheimer, J. G. Corley and Eugene A. Dietrich came upon the stage. Somebody who sat near the door suggested that there would be some fine singing by the quartet, but Mr. Corley, who was master of ceremonies, introduced Mr. Dabney, and then Mr. Dabney introduced the subject. He referred to what Mr. Hofheimer had done, he explained how he had improved property values by his building operations, and then remarked, quite casually, that many public-spirited citizens had decided to present him with a loving cup as a mark of their appreciation.

At the right signal, upon the stage there glided James J. Pollard, holding the cup. There was some applause when he curtsied in passing it over. It was passed in turn to Mr. Hofheimer, who accepted it with a few words of thanks and appreciation, while the audience broke forth into vivas and applause.

The cup, upon an inscription, which refers, among other things, to the fact that it was presented in recognition of Mr. Hofheimer's progressiveness and his splendid achievements. When he first conceived the idea of building the Empire, Mr. Hofheimer did not figure expense in giving orders to architects that it should be a credit to the city and the man who paid the freight. It has been open for only two weeks and a half, and the business has been capacity business every day. It is not a motion picture place, but a vaudeville house, and Mr. Wells has sent down first-class performers, who have given it a place in popular favor, which it is destined to hold.

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The stockholders appeared decidedly impressed with the material gains made during the past year. It was announced that the stock of the company was being closely held, while the patronage has steadily grown.

The following directors were elected: Edgar A. Bancroft, of Chicago; Newell C. DePaul, of New Albany, Ind.; Charles A. Carls, of South Bend, Ind.; George W. Dixon, of Chicago; George C. Gale, of Chicago; W. O. Johnson, of Chicago; P. A. Myers, of Ashland, O.; Judge E. D. Newman, of Woodstock, Va.; G. C. Strauss, of Chicago; John K. Tamer, of Harrisburg, Pa.; and Fred W. Upham, of Chicago.

## The Event of Each Season

Gans-Rady Company's Semi-Annual Clearance Sale Hundreds of Suits, Light and Heavy Weight Overcoats, Cravenetted Raincoats Which Sold Up to \$28.00 CHOICE NOW \$16.00

## FARMERS SCHOOL FOR THE VALLEY

Special Agricultural Train Will Make Trip Through the Shenandoah.

Notice has been issued by G. W. Kolner, State Commissioner of Agriculture, of the tour of the Farmers' Institute Train, which in co-operation with the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, will make a thorough canvass of the Shenandoah Division of this railroad in the month of January. Stopping at ten towns and cities on the route, the special train will offer almost unheard of opportunities for the Virginia farmer to become acquainted with the principles of modern, scientific farming. At each stop, lectures on agricultural subjects will be delivered by the expert supervision of Commissioner Kolner.

The schedule of the farmers' special train is as follows: Wednesday, Tuesday, January 16, 9 to 12 A. M.; Middle-town, same day, 1 to 5 P. M.; Harrisonburg, January 17, 9 to 12 A. M.; Pleasant Valley, same day, 12:30 to 5 P. M.; Cave Spring (Weaver's Cave), Thursday, January 18, 9 to 12 P. M.; Fort Detention, same day, 12:30 to 5 P. M.; Greensville, Friday, January 19, 9 to 12 A. M.; Spotswood, same day, 12:30 to 5 P. M.; Timber Ridge, Saturday, January 20, 9 to 12 A. M.; Lexington, same day, 12:30 to 5 P. M.; Wherever the special halts, the farmers of the neighborhood are urged to visit the exhibition on wheels and to hear the lectures which will be given.

Discussions on the improving of the soil, increasing the yield per acre of corn, alfalfa growing, fruit culture and poultry husbandry, will be the principle topics touched by the speakers. In line with the promising innovations introduced by the department in this State, special emphasis will be laid on the subject of alfalfa growing. Although Texas and other of the Western States have always been regarded as the home of alfalfa, experiments conducted by the department of Agriculture have undeniably proven that the conditions in Virginia are most favorable to the production of alfalfa here. For many reasons, it is a most desirable crop, and the department will continue to wage a campaign to induce the plant thoroughly in the Old Dominion.

### Care As Lecture Rooms.

The result of the educational tour of last year was a marked improvement in both the increased yields of the farm and in the prosperity of the communities. George H. Campbell, assistant to the president of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, and W. W. Wood, general industrial agent, will represent the railroad on special. These officers, who accompanied the educational train last year, were thoroughly gratified by the large attendance of farmers and the interest shown in the propositions offered by the Institute.

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## MAY ANNEX STRIP ON BROOK ROAD

City Looking for More Room for Its Colored Population.

A meeting of a special committee of the City Council on providing suitable living conditions for colored citizens has been called for this afternoon at 5 o'clock. Councilman Vonuerich is chairman, and the members are Councilmen Pollock and Richards and Aldermen Kain and Mitchell.

The appointment of this committee was an outgrowth of the adoption last year of the Vonderhilt segregation ordinance, which aimed to prevent colored and white families from occupying dwelling houses on the same block. That ordinance, which has now been in effect for many months, provides that no colored family may move into a house on any block the majority of the householders are white, and similarly that no white family may move into any block the majority of the householders of which are colored.

Objection was raised in the debate on that ordinance that the section formerly known as Jackson Ward, mainly occupied by colored people, was much overcrowded, and that the practical effect of the segregation law would be to further overcrowd living conditions, making the section of the city devoted to colored people unhealthy, and affording no outlet to the better class of colored people who could afford better homes.

To meet this objection the special committee was named to take into consideration the advisability of annexing to the city a strip of territory, preferably surrounding the Virginia Union University, a colored institution on the Brook Turnpike; the construction through the same of streets and sewers, the laying of water and gas mains and otherwise providing for the creation of a new and more attractive colored to relieve congestion and prevent the continued encroachment of the colored people on streets which up to this time, have been occupied only by white residents.

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H. R. Mills of Buena Vista, one of the members of the executive committee, was in Richmond yesterday and announced the fact that the committee would meet here in a short while.

Other members of the committee are as follows: C. B. Cook, of Richmond, vice-president of the association; J. E. Hart, secretary; George O. Greene, of Clifton Forge; A. P. Rowe, of Fredericksburg; C. Demitt, of Salem, and Allen Potts, of Richmond.

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